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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/607,188

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For: NUCLEIC ACID ASSAY AND  
METHOD OF DETECTING  
THE PRESENCE OF A  
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed on April 1, 2010, in the above-identified patent application. A response to the Office Action is due by July 1, 2010. Accordingly, this paper is being timely filed.

Applicants request entry of the following amendments to the claims. Upon entry, the claims pending for further proceedings will be those in the claim listing that begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicants submit that pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(2), the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.

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